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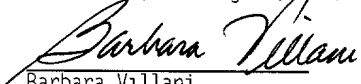
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph at page 19, lines 1-3 with the following:

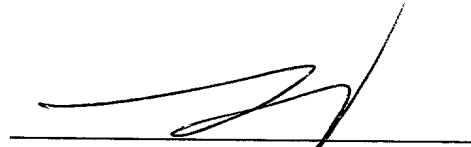
--Figs. 10(a) and 10(b) are illustrations that conceptually illustrate how PPM interval control conditions relating to a wide sheet are determined in step T6 in Fig. 9;--.

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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c), a marked-up version of page 19 of the specification is attached hereto.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Figs. 10(a) and 10(b) are illustrations*

[Fig. 10 is an illustration] that conceptually illustrates how PPM interval control conditions relating to a wide sheet are determined in step T6 in Fig. 9;

Fig. 11 is an illustration that conceptually illustrates how detection control conditions for transfer sheet position deviation for a wide sheet are determined in step T6 in Fig. 9;

Fig. 12 is a flow chart showing how image forming utilizing AMS function for a wide sheet is conducted;

Fig. 13 is an illustration showing conceptually how concrete image forming is conducted in step U5 in Fig. 14; and

Fig. 14 is a flow chart showing how image forming utilizing ATS function for a wide sheet is conducted.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

An embodiment of the invention will be explained as follows, referring to the drawings. Fig. 1 is a schematic diagram showing an example of the structure of a copying apparatus (image forming apparatus) relating to the present embodiment. In Fig. 1, a copying apparatus is roughly composed of image reading section, image writing section 20, image forming section 30, transfer sheet conveyance section 40, transfer sheet ejection section 50 and transfer sheet